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PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Transactions of Service during month of March, 1905—Mortuary statistics.

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, April 22, 1905, as follows:

Month of March, 1905.

SAN JUAN.

Vessels inspected_____ 35
Vessels held in quarantine _____ 4
Bills of health issued _____ 39
Persons held for quarantine observation_____ 4

The vessels detained in quarantine were the Red D Line steamships *Philadelphia* and *Caracas*, from ports of Venezuela and Curaçao, which arrived on March 4 and 22, respectively; the Norwegian steamship *Scotia*, from Curaçao, on March 4, and the Spanish Mail steamship *Montserrat*, from Central and South American ports, which arrived on March 21, 1905. All of these vessels were permitted to transact business under guard as usual. The British steamship *Newburn*, which arrived at this port on March 3 from Buenos Ayres with a cargo of jerked beef, was not held in quarantine, but a guard was placed aboard to watch the unloading of the sacks of beef into the lighters and to ascertain if there were any evidences of the presence of rats aboard. The sacks were found to be intact and it is believed that there were few, if any, rats aboard.

No quarantinable diseases were reported in this vicinity during the month.

The transactions at the subports were as follows:

Twelve bills of health issued and 7 vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 6 bills issued and 1 vessel inspected at Arecibo, 1 bill issued and 1 vessel inspected at Humacao, 4 bills issued and 2 vessels inspected at Aguadilla, 7 bills issued and no vessels inspected at Arroyo, and 5 bills issued and 4 vessels inspected at Fajardo.

During the month there were reported 95 deaths at Mayaguez, 6 of which were due to anæmia, 6 to uncinariasis, 3 to pneumonia, 2 to broncho-pneumonia, 9 to bronchitis, acute, 14 to tuberculosis, 1 to enteric fever, and 1 to diphtheria; 107 deaths at Arecibo, 14 due to anæmia, 10 to uncinariasis, 5 to anæmia, pernicious, 5 to bronchitis, 9 to tuberculosis, 1 to pneumonia, and 1 to broncho-pneumonia; 61 deaths at Humacao, 6 due to pernicious anæmia, 3 to bronchitis, 2 to pneumonia, 4 to dysentery, and 3 to tuberculosis; 49 deaths at Aguadilla, 4 due to anæmia, 10 to tuberculosis, 3 to paludic fever, and 1 to bronchitis; 15 deaths at Arroyo, 1 due to uncinariasis and 2 to paludism; 36 deaths at Fajardo, 10 due to anæmia, 4 to pneumonia, and 2 to tetanus.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from the subports.

Mortuary statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for month of March, 1905.

Chronic enteritis	5	Paludic fever	1
Infantile tetanus	2	Enteric fever	1
Gastro-enteritis	12	Cerebral anemia	1
Tuberculosis	16	Pleurisy	1
Cancer	2	Chronic dysentery	1
Tetanus	3	Diphtheria	1
Acute enteritis	5	Broncho-pneumonia	1
Pneumonia	2	Rickets	6
Uncinariasis	1	All other causes	41
Bronchitis	4		
Meningitis	1	Total	107